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**Introduced by Senator Ducheny**

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An act to add Section 10214.9 to the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to unemployment compensation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 102, as introduced, Ducheny. Nurse training funding.

Existing law establishes the Employment Training Panel and authorizes the panel to utilize funds in the Employment Training Fund for, among other expenditures, the purpose of funding special employment training projects that improve the skills and employment security of frontline workers, as defined, and training of individuals who are currently working and receiving certain state benefits.

This bill would additionally authorize the panel to allocate funds as are available in the annual Budget Act for up to 5 licensed nurse training pilot programs to train individuals who are currently working as nurse assistants or caregivers in a health facility, as defined.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 10214.9 is added to the Unemployment
- 2 Insurance Code, to read:
- 3 10214.9. (a) (1) Upon an appropriation by the Legislature for
- 4 this purpose from the Employment Training Fund in the annual
- 5 Budget Act, the panel may fund up to five licensed nurse training
- 6 pilot programs to train individuals who are currently working as
- 7 nurse assistants or caregivers in a health facility, as defined in
- 8 Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code.

1 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that the panel allocate  
2 these funds in a manner consistent with the objectives of this  
3 chapter as provided in Section 10200.

4 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the  
5 panel shall waive the minimum wage provisions, pursuant to  
6 subdivision (f) of Section 10201, if all of the following  
7 conditions are met:

8 (1) The employee is enrolled in an approved licensed nurse  
9 training program that consists of not less than 1,000 hours of  
10 training.

11 (2) The employer pays the employee not less than 120 percent  
12 of the state minimum wage for the first 20 hours of work per  
13 week during each week the employee is enrolled in the training  
14 program.

15 (3) Each program results in full-time employment of at least  
16 35 hours per week, for a period of 90 consecutive days, including  
17 weekends and holidays, with a single employer.

18 (c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the  
19 panel shall waive any limitation on the hourly length of training  
20 programs to allow approval and funding for up to 750 hours of a  
21 licensed nurse training pilot program, which consists of at least  
22 1,000 hours of training.